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Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

WSDOT selects the "Roundabout Design" for the 84th Avenue On-Ramp and Lid.





84th Avenue NE Lid Concept





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SR520 UPDATE

WSDOT has selected the "Roundabout Design" for the 84th Avenue Interchange. This design is final and represents several months of intense efforts to improve the design while reaching a consensus among the Four Points Communities, the Governor's office, WSDOT, and ECC, the design builder.

With this final plan, Hunts Point has resolved all of the design issues cited last June by our traffic consultant, Transpo, Inc.. Among the changes incorporated into the final design are:

- Free and unobstructed access in and out of Hunts Point using a roundabout (no stop signs or traffic signals).
- 2. Bicycle path goes under 84th in a short tunnel.
- 3. No property takings along Hunts Point Circle.
- 4. Loop trail is separated from the bike path.
- 5. Increased barrier height along north side of bike path to prevent views into the Fairweather Basin neighborhood.
- 6. Relocated the Loop Trail to cross the Lid and continue up 28th Ave NE toward Bellevue Christian School, theTransit Center, and Evergreen Point Commuter Parking Lot.
- 7. Removed bike path access from Fairweather Basin.
- 8. Reduced tree clearings along NE 80th.
- 9. Added mature tree plantings at the south end of Fairweather Basin.
- Corrected local traffic issues with receiver lanes, pavement markings, and new signage.

Additionally, the 84th Ave. bridge (entrance to Hunts Point) will always be open during construction. Plans to tear down the bridge and build a temporary connector road from 84th to 92nd were abandoned last month.

Construction begins this month, and will be in full swing by this summer. To be added to an email list from ECC for construction updates, <u>click here</u>.

For the WSDOT webpage on SR520, including updates, click here.

Tolling begins in Spring 2011. Due to an equipment problem, tolling was delayed, but it can begin at any time. The system and equipment is in place (in the middle of the bridge). To pay tolls electronically with a "Good to Go" pass, <u>click here</u>.

If you have further questions, call ECC Public Information Manager, Don Galvin, at 425-998-5136, or email at Dan.Galvin@gcinc.com.

OSL CHANGES NAME TO BELLEVUE LIFESPRING

Overlake Service League "OSL" began on Hunts Point in 1911. This year OSL celebrated its 100 year anniversary with a Gala Event in February. To avoid confusion with Overlake Hospital, OSL changed its name to Bellevue LifeSpring.

To join the Hunts Point Circle, contact Marilyn Herzberg, President. Call Town Hall and they will get you in touch with her. For more information, click www.BellevueLifeSpring.org

BURGLARY ON HUNTS POINT

After five years of no home invasion burglaries, we had a break in March 25th on Hunts Point Circle. The burglars prowled a car in the driveway and found a garage door opener. They gained access to the garage and stole \$10,000 of antique silverware, recently inherited. When the burglars attempted to enter the house, the residents heard the door beep and called 911. The burglars fled and were not caught. The day before, the Medina Police noticed our security camera server was malfunctioning, and our security company could not fix it. That same night, one of our residents was hit, and it was not caught on camera. We have ordered a new security system server and will begin "Block Watch" meetings again this summer to share crime prevention tips.

SHORELINES MANAGEMENT ACT UPDATE

The Town is currently updating our Shorelines Management Plan. Town Planner, Mona Green, is rewriting this plan under the review of The Planning Commission. Planning Commissioners Vilma McComsey and Elaine Coles are co-chairs of the Shoreline Plan Committee. We thank them for their time on rewriting this important plan. Residents can join in the discussions by attending the Planning Commission meeting, the first Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at Town Hall. We also welcome Joe Sabey and Lloyd Embry to the Planning Commission this month.

CLEAN UP DAY

HUNTS POINT CLEAN UP DAY

91st Annual Clean Up Day Sunday May 22, 2011 Schedule of Events

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM	Announcements and Tree City USA Award
9:45 AM	Work Parties Begin
Noon	Lunch at Town Hall
1:00 PM	Kids Games, Soccer and Softball at the Park
5:00 PM	Cocktail Party at 3257 Hunts Point Road

Clean Up Day is a 91 year tradition on Hunts Point. It is a little bit of work, and a whole lot of socializing and fun. More notices will be coming out by email.

Town Administrator, Jack McKenzie, Retires



On February 28, 2011, Jack McKenzie retired as our Town Administrator. Jack has done an excellent job in his ten years of service. Among his accomplishments were the Hunts Point Road LID, building our reserves from \$200,000 to \$1,200,000, expediting the building permit process, implementing security improvements, and coordinating with Medina Police on crime prevention. It has been a pleasure working with Jack. Sue Israel has been promoted to Interim Town Administrator.

HUNTS POINT FOUNDATION

We are in the process of setting up a foundation for the Town of Hunts Point. The money will be used for capital expenditures, to partially fund a new town hall, and for donations to affordable housing and other charities.

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents:

The 84th Ave. NE Interchange design is final. After months of negotiations, we have a design that functions well for local traffic; and meets the Governor's criteria of no added cost, no added time, and consensus within the Points Communities. I want to thank those that worked so hard to improve the 84th Interchange design. Without such an intense effort, it would not have succeeded.

SR520 on the Eastside will be under construction for the next two years. The Eastside will be completed in 2013. Once the Medina landing is constructed, a new bridge will be built about 200 feet north of the existing bridge. The old bridge will remain open and in service until the new bridge is completed. Construction on the Seattle side begins in 2014, and the entire project will be completed in 2016.

We look forward to seeing everyone this Spring. We welcome everyone to attend Clean Up Day on Sunday, May 22nd at 9 AM at Town Hall. It's an especially great chance for our new residents to meet their neighbors and get involved in this fantastic community.

Sincerely,

Fred Megrhen

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